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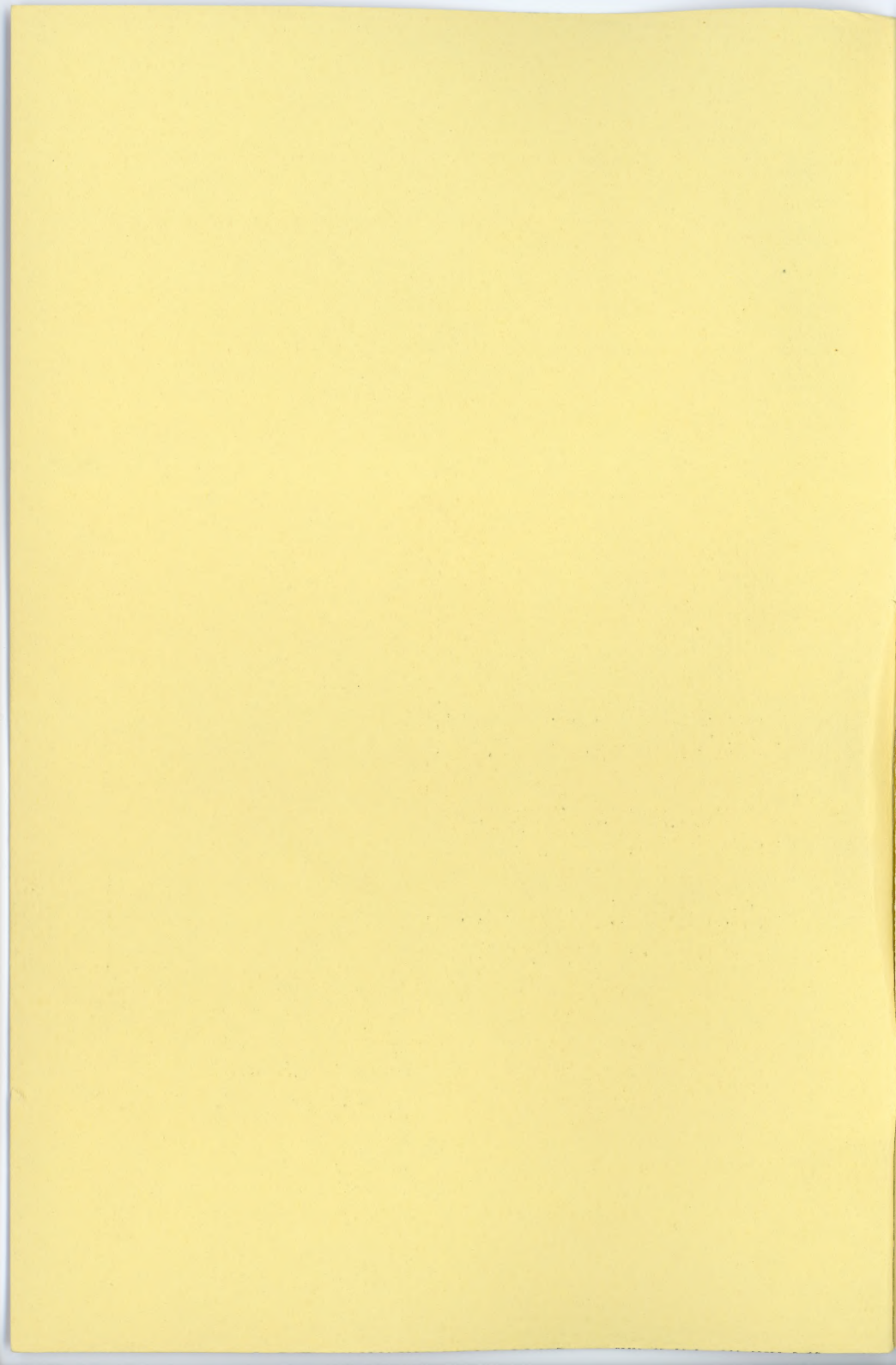
*Anniversary*

**Evangelical and  
Reformed Church**

Eighth and Henry Streets  
ALTON, ILLINOIS



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THE CELEBRATION OF THE  
*One Hundredth Anniversary*  
OF THE FOUNDING OF  
*Evangelical and Reformed Church*  
ALTON, ILLINOIS



MY CHURCH

*It counseled me in youth, guided me in Truth;  
That old church with its pews of yellow pine.  
Precious, sacred place, with the Pastor's kindly face,  
The Choir, the hymns, the bells that sweetly chime.  
It points to Paradise, exalts the Blessed Christ  
Its Teachings never from me will depart.  
And that little church, to me, with its sacred Memories.  
Is a towering Cathedral in my Heart.*

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**NOT FOR CIRCULATION**  
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Alton, IL



*Our Pastor*  
O. W. HEGGEMEIER, D.D.



O. W. Heggemeier was born February 28, 1885, near Nashville, Illinois. He entered Elmhurst College in September, 1904, was graduated in June, 1908; entered Eden Seminary in September, 1908; was graduated in June, 1911. Our pastor was ordained to the Christian Ministry on July 2, 1911, in St. Paul's Church at Nashville, Illinois. He was united in marriage to Miss Elda Brandhorst October 10, 1911, at Nashville, Illinois. They have one daughter, Arleen, who is an instructor in piano at Western Maryland College, West Minister, Maryland.

Reverend Heggemeier spent the first two years after his ordination in the Home Mission Fields in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. He accepted a call to St. Paul's Church at Pinckneyville, Illinois in November 1913. On December 3, 1916 he was installed as Pastor of Evangelical Church at Alton, Illinois. On November 27, 1951 the Honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was bestowed on him by Shurtleff College of Alton, Illinois. He served as Treasurer of the National Home Mission Board for ten years and was a member of the board for eleven years. He served the district as Vice-President and in many other ways. His continued uninterrupted service as Pastor of this Church is a record of which the congregation may be justly proud.



# Historical Information

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## EVANGELICAL and REFORMED CHURCH

*Alton, Illinois*



**A**LTHOUGH Alton was still a frontier post in 1836, it boasted of a very large trade, for the largest mercantile houses of the West were located here. Many of them were in the wholesale business with importations direct from Europe.

This wealth of business, together with the advantages of agricultural work surrounding this area and the fine facilities for the transportation of products by water (the best and only kind at that time) made this region attractive to the many immigrants coming from Europe, 1836-1860.

Among them were many Germans who came to the Midwest and being impressed with the favorable possibilities of the future in this region settled in Alton or in the surrounding farm land.

It became very evident that religious work should be carried on among them for many of the Protestant Germans here were of a simple pious type who longed for the ministrations of the Church in their own language and the language by which their children were being raised. So Reverend Joseph Rieger was sent to this part of America in 1836 by the Basel Missionary Society of Switzerland, for he could minister to the French Settlers as well as to the Germans as he spoke both languages, and while in the East, where he landed when he came to America, he also acquired the English language.





FIRST CHURCH 1852 - 1904 EIGHTH AND HENRY STREETS

After coming to the Midwest Reverend Rieger made his headquarters at Alton, during his first year here, operating as an itinerant preacher to widely scattered communities among whom he preached, baptized their children and encouraged the formation of church groups.



While in Alton, Reverend Rieger lived at the home of Reverend Elijah P. Lovejoy and among his papers, we are told, are notes of the first meeting of the Anti-Slavery Society of Illinois on October 26, 1837, which he served as secretary. The Lovejoy home was near that of Lovejoy's friend, Major Charles W. Hunter, the founder of what was known as Hunterstown in Alton.

After meeting Reverend Rieger, Major Hunter became deeply interested in the work he was doing among the immigrants and we are told by Mr. H. A. Berens, an elderly and retired citizen of Elmhurst, Illinois, who is a grandson of the Reverend Rieger, that his grandfather's diary records that Major Hunter gave him a horse to ride in making his circuit calls and also the lumber to build a barn for the horse. Mr. Berens spent several days in Alton in May of 1950 exploring the area where his grandfather first worked as a preacher of the gospel. His mother was a student at Monticello College 1866-69. "That is why," Mr. Berens said while here, "Alton is, as it were, the Plymouth Rock of our family, and my pilgrimage here is as to doubly holy ground."

Group meetings of the German Protestants were then held in homes or in private rooms prepared for that purpose. Other German ministers followed, among them the Reverend Jacob Riess of Germany who also did Missionary work in Southern Illinois and filled Reverend Rieger's place while he was on a return trip to Germany in the year 1840.

After Reverend Rieger's return in the year 1840 he took up residence in the Swiss settlement now known as Highland and from there he continued interest in this community with his services.

In 1847 the Alton area German Protestants became more earnestly united and in 1850, in meeting assembled, selected a minister of their own to provide religious rites, this minister being the Reverend C. E. Zobel, February 1, 1850-1851.

The official record shows that the church had been fully organized in 1851, with fifty voting members. The trustees at that time were Philip Maurer, Henry Neinhaus and Phillip Wenzel. The pastor was Reverend G. A. Detharding, who served from this time until 1853 when he passed away.



In the year of 1851 it was agreed that a regular house of worship was needed so a building of brick was planned, which was completed in 1852 at the corner of Eighth and Henry Streets. The ground for the church was given by Mr. Phillip Jaeckel, grandfather of Mrs. William Gissal. The committee selected to choose the site for the new church consisted of M. Jaeckel, G. H. Weigler and August Rosenberg.

It was of interest to learn that in the spring of 1855 our then new church was used for several weeks on Sunday afternoons, by a new organization in Alton, The Cumberland Presbyterians, now known as the Twelfth St. Presbyterians.

In June of that year (1855) they organized in our building under the leadership of Reverend J. B. Logan and in June 1856, when the basement of their new building was finished on Twelfth Street they began worshipping in it.

The following is the translation of German writing in front of German Pulpit Bible printed in 1861:

#### INTERIOR OF FIRST CHURCH





“Presented in Christian Faith to the German United Evangelical Protestant Church Congregation of Alton, Madison County, Illinois, by the confirmees of the year 1863, viz:

GEORGE ALT  
RICHARD FRERICHs  
WILLIAM KOLB  
HENRY MEYER  
HENRY MICHEL  
EMILIE ERNESTINE BRUMMER  
MARGARETHA FRERICHs  
WILHELMINE HINN

MARIE HOEH  
ELSIE JACOBY  
MARY MEIER  
ECKA JANSEN PENNING  
LOUISE TIMMERHOF  
MARY UNDERBRINK  
MARIE WILHELM

On the day of their confirmation, Sunday, Quasimodogeniti, April 12, 1863 A.D. through the pastor, Ernst Guntrum, with the apostolic prayer, Paul's Epistle to the Colossians 1;9-14, 3;15-17.”

Hair's Gazetter of Madison County of 1866 records, “The German Evangelical Church of Alton, free of sectarianism, established in 1850, as having 120 members, with a basement day-school of about 125 scholars. The school was in charge of Mr. J. Goetz as principal, who instructed in both German and English languages.”

INTERIOR OF PRESENT CHURCH





(At one time school was held in a hall on Belle Street). Later a schoolhouse was erected on Eighth Street immediately west of the church edifice and day sessions were held there. Then when the present larger church building was to be erected in 1904 during Reverend Oberhellmann's pastorate, the school building, which at that time was not being used for daily instruction but as a social center, was moved to Liberty Street and used for religious services during the erection of the new church at Eighth and Henry Streets. Later the schoolhouse was sold and converted into a double residence where it now stands at the same location.

The church bell used in the original building and the one in the present one, was donated, we have been told, by Mr. Henry Hauck, although in the centennial issue of the Alton Evening Telegraph of 1936, appears the following article:

"NEW BELL, Dec. 20, 1867. The members of the German Lutheran Church have purchased a bell for their fine edifice on Henry Street. It has an excellent tone and can be heard at a great distance."

The large white stone in the sidewalk in front of the Henry Street door of the old church had the words "Evangelical Lutheran Church" cut in the stone. Perhaps that is the reason that this congregation did not join the "North American Synod of Evangelical Churches" until some years after 1900, even though the "Synod" was founded in 1841. The congregation was composed of members of the Evangelical and Lutheran faiths as there was no real Lutheran church in Alton until some years later, after 1900.

The Parochial School was discontinued in 1901 or 1902 and was thereafter used as a meeting place for various organizations of the church until it was moved to its present site in 1903 when the old church was torn down to make way for the new one.

In 1904 when the old church was torn down to make way for the present structure a poem entitled "Memorial To The Old Church" was written by Mrs. Harry L. Meyer (nee Carolina Kramer).





PRESENT CHURCH BUILT ON FIRST CHURCH SITE 1904

The present church edifice was built on the site of the old church in the year 1904. A clipping from the Alton Telegraph captioned "Evangelical Corner Stone Laying" read as follows:

"The laying of the cornerstone of the new German Evangelical church took place Sunday afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock,—Two of the original members of the church, Honorable George H. Weigler and Anton Rosenberg, were present.—The cornerstone laid in the northeast corner was presented by Mr. William Flynn. The stone weighed 1700 pounds and was inscribed on two sides, 'German Evangelical Church 1904, Organized 1852.' The contents of the box are a History of the



Church, names of members and officers, names of the seventeen pastors since organization, the different societies and their officers and copies of various magazines. The Address of Welcome was delivered by Reverend Theo. Oberhellmann, pastor. Reverend Gustav Plassman of Nameoki delivered the principal address in German. Reverend T. L. Mueller of St. Louis delivered an address in English."

English services were begun in 1909, with German services at 8:00 A.M. and English services at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays.

In 1912, during the pastorate of Reverend E. L. Mueller, the present large assembly hall for Sunday School and social purposes was erected.

Our records show that the present parsonage was the only one the church ever owned and was originally a one story house consisting of four rooms. During Reverend Kramer's pastorate this was changed to the present structure of two stories and consisting of seven rooms and bath.

PARSONAGE AT 522 EAST EIGHTH STREET





The parsonage, according to data taken from the abstract, was purchased on September 13, 1881, from Edward and Mary Grady, acknowledgment of said transaction notarized by Edward Noonan.

The two pieces of property just south of the Church on Henry Street, one of which now serves as quarters for the janitor, the other a rental house, were purchased on June 29 and July 3, respectively, in 1926 from Anna M. Bassett. These two houses stand on one sixty foot lot and several years ago they were both sided with brick siding and put in repair.

On July 7, 1952 there appeared the following article in the fifty year column, "The congregation of Evangelical church launched plans for an observance of its golden anniversary on October 12. The Reverend H. Rahm of Edwardsville, Reverend Carl Cramer of St. Louis, Reverend William Hackman of St. Joseph, former pastors, already had accepted invitations to attend."

A poem was written, in German, for the rededication at its 50th Anniversary by Mrs. Marie Raible.

TWO PROPERTIES ON HENRY STREET, SOUTH OF CHURCH



The present church building, after having weathered several severe storms and tornados, was carefully inspected by the consistory and trustees in the year of 1950, and upon their recommendation to the congregation at the annual meeting in January 1951, the congregation then voted to give the building a complete overhaul. This included the tuckpointing of the exterior of the church as well as a new roof, new plaster in a large portion of the interior, installation of new lights, complete paint job, both inside and out, a complete overhaul of the organ, and the building as it stands today is in as good shape as it was when originally built. All this has been accomplished at a cost of approximately \$33,000.00.

We wish to say thanks to Mr. Charles L. Thurston for the advice he gave the congregation on the repair and remodeling of the church.

The records show that in 1935 a new three manual Reuter organ was purchased and installed at the church. It has a beautiful tone and is regarded as one of the best church organs in the city. It was dedicated as "Mothers Memorial Organ." Recently during the building program of 1951-52 it was completely dismantled, checked, cleaned and tuned and is now in as good condition as when it was purchased. Miss Emma Joesting was the church organist from 1900 to 1940, a period of long and faithful service to the church, and she was the first to play on the new organ after it was installed.

The present Altar Set consisting of Bronze Cross and Candelabra were presented by Mrs. Frank Bauer in memory of her husband, Frank P. Bauer. This presentation was made this year.

The present Altar Bibles were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boedeker, the Lower Altar on February 24, 1941, and the Upper Altar on August 24, 1941. The Altar Cover was given by the teachers of the beginners and primary departments (Council proceedings, November 19, 1935).

Individual Communion service was adopted just prior to the installation of the present pastor, Reverend O. W. Heggemeier. Communion record for 1951 was 1273. Present Church Membership is 893.



## THE WOMEN'S GUILD

**T**HE first women's group to function in our church was known as the "Frauen Verein," and was organized January 17, 1869, by a small number of women who met once a month on Sunday afternoons in a residence located at about what is now known as 1862 East Broadway. Their first president was Mrs. Lizetta Stutz, a very able leader and an ardent worker.

Later, in 1892, the "Young Frauen Verein" was organized. These two groups continued to function under the above names until the German services were waning, and when our present church building was erected the women then had their meetings in the Annex, on the second Tuesday of each month, and the name was then changed to the "Ladies Aid Society." The younger group was known as the "Young Ladies Society," later known as the "Evangelical Daughters."

On April 25, 1922, the Ladies Aid Society joined with other Evangelical Women's groups and were known as the "South Illinois Federation of Evangelical Women's Organization." In 1930 the name was changed to "South Illinois Union of Evangelical Women's Organization."

During all of the above period our women devoted much of their time and energy to earning money to help pay the debts of the church and are to be commended highly for the fine dinners and suppers they cooked and served for that purpose.

The Annual Retreat at Eden Seminary was started in 1931, and each year during the early part of September a group of women from the church attend these religious gatherings, which inspiring meetings are open to all Guild women from South Illinois Synod.

After the merger of our Evangelical Church with the Reformed Church in 1938, our women's organizations became affiliated with the Women's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, of which they are still a part. This movement began shortly after the merger was consummated in 1941. According to the by-laws of the Guild all women of the church are members. However, many of our women are not active. We now

have two groups, known as the Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild and the Evening Circle of the Women's Guild, respectively. However, they function as one Guild, having a set of officers and an executive board, which Guild has two meetings each year. The respective Circles meet on the second Tuesday of each month and each circle has its own officers.

The present officers of the Guild for this centennial year of our church are President, Mrs. Adolph (Emma) Miller; Vice-President, Mrs. Herman (Mabel) Warma; Secretary, Mrs. Leo (Clara) Struif; and Treasurer, Miss Ann Werler.

In the past eighteen months, during which time our church has undergone extensive repairs and improvements, the project of the Guild has been the remodeling and modernization of our kitchen. We now have a new kitchen, cabinets, sinks, stoves, coffee urns, refrigerator, tile floor, etc., all having been paid for through the efforts of the Women's Guild, who also furnished the drapes in the Annex of our church. This, in addition to the many projects sponsored by the National Guild of our church, of which we are a part. We are also affiliated with the United Council of Church Women, which is a National Organization.

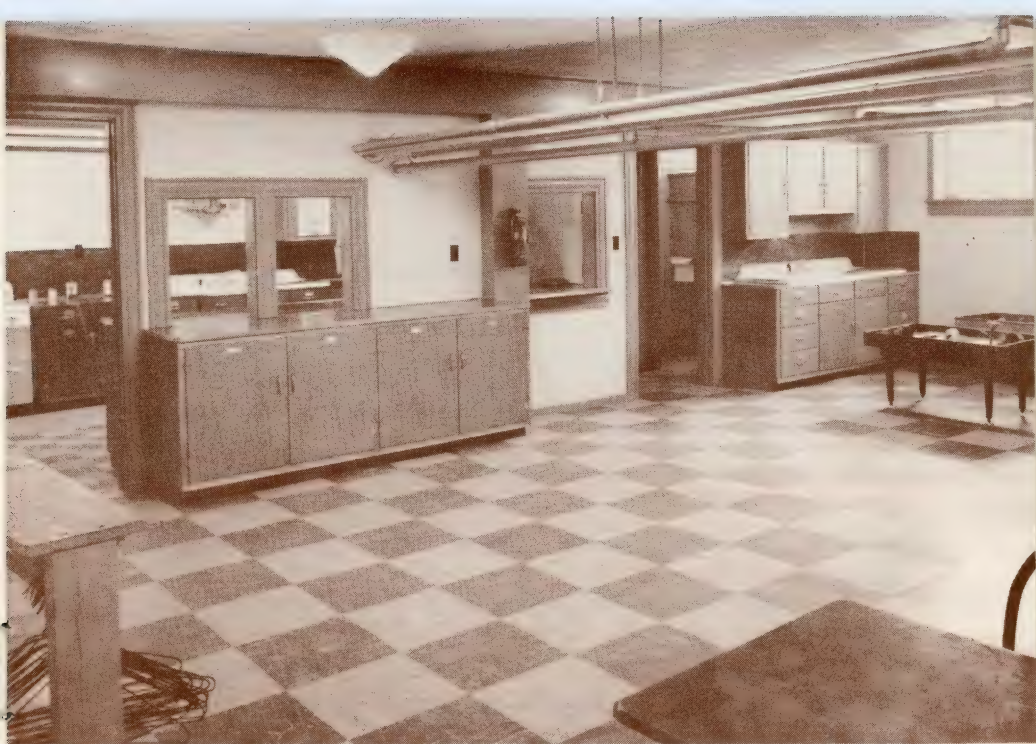
Our Guild work is very inspiring and interesting and we invite all women of the church to become active members.

## ONE-WAY STREET

By James J. Metcalfe

*The path that leads to paradise . . . is just a one-way street . . . And only those who worship God . . . Will pass His judgment seat . . . There is no short cut and there is . . . No way to go around . . . The regulations and the rules . . . By which our lives are bound . . . We must obey the laws of God . . . In spirit and in sense . . . And for each sin that we commit . . . There must be recompense . . . We cannot swerve from side to side . . . Or try another shoe . . . Except as we may promise God . . . To start our life anew . . . There are no politics or bribes . . . Where finally we meet . . . The only path to paradise . . . Is just a one-way street.*





KITCHEN EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY WOMEN'S GUILD







— FIFTH ANNIVERSARY — EVANG. BR.

## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

**T**HE first record of men's organization in our church dates back to February 2, 1899, at which time a Young Men's Social Club was organized, bearing the name "Jungling Verein."

The first organization to bear the name of Men's Brotherhood, was organized in Alton in 1920, with Mr. Henry Busse as President and William Johler as Treasurer. Thirty-eight members are recorded on the organization roll, and under the able leadership of Mr. Busse and others who followed him, the membership built to upwards of 150 members. The Men's Brotherhood flourished under the leadership of these men until the year 1940, when it became inactive.

In 1942, at the fall meeting of the South Illinois Federation of Churchmen's Brotherhood, Mr. Carl G. Herzberger was elected president and Herman Bockstruck secretary of the South Illinois Federation. Shortly after their tenure of office a group of men from the church became interested in reorganizing the Men's Brotherhood, and upon consent of the Church Consistory, a dinner meeting was arranged at the church with members of the South Illinois Federation present to help reorganize the Brotherhood.

Mr. Joseph Wetzels of Edwardsville, Illinois, Mr. Russell Gregson of Waterloo, and several others were there to assist with the program, along with former members of the old Brotherhood, viz: Mr. Busse, Mr. Johler, Mr. Boedeker, Mr. Brautigan and others. The reorganization was completed on December 4, 1945





with Virgil Ostendorf elected President, O. Carson Quinn Vice-President, William Bierbaum Secretary and Otto Becker as Treasurer. The reorganized Brotherhood still functions with meetings the third Tuesday of each month.

From the last organized group another president of the South Illinois Federation of Churchmen's Brotherhoods was elected, O. Carson Quinn, being chosen for that office in the year of 1950, and Harold O. Gwillim as secretary the same year. The Men's Brotherhood enjoy a fine program of spiritual and social activities at each of their meetings and each man of the congregation is considered a member. The only requisite to membership is the willingness to attend meetings and make his wishes known.



#### Present officers of Brotherhood:

JUSTUS OSTENDORF  
*President*

HAROLD O. GWILLIM  
*Vice-President*

EDW. BRAUTIGAN  
*Secretary*

WILLIAM JOHLER  
*Treasurer*

HENRY E. BUSSE  
(Deceased)  
First President



## HISTORY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

**A**CCORDING to the records available, shortly after the organization of our church in the year of 1852, a German Sunday School was organized with a Mr. Betts as one of the first superintendents and followed by Mr. Simon Funke, Grandfather of Emil and Gertrude Horn; then Mr. William Sonntag and William P. Bauer. No exact dates are available as to the number of years each one served. During the year of 1902 the organization of the English Sunday School began with Mr. Frank Bauer as Superintendent and the German Sunday School continued until about the years of 1916 or 1917, and in later years of the German Sunday School Mr. Otto Kramer, Ben Wunderlich, William Jöhler and Harry Lenhardt served as superintendents.

During Mr. Frank Bauer's long term as Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Al Ernst, William Strittmatter, Ed Kolkmeier and Henry Harms were assistant superintendents.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC OF YESTER-YEAR IN ROCK SPRINGS PARK





According to the records, English Sunday School was reorganized by departments during the year of 1918, with the following serving as officers:

MR. FRANK BAUER, *General Superintendent*

MR. BEN WUNDERLICH, *Superintendent of Young People's Dept.*

MISS ELEANOR JUN, *Superintendent of the Junior Dept.*

MISS FRIEDA KOCH, *Superintendent of Primary Dept.*

MISS L. KOCH, *Superintendent of Cradle Roll*

MISS MENA WINTERS, *Superintendent of the House Dept.*

MISS ELEANOR JUN, *Secretary*

MISS LILLIE BAUER, *Treasurer*

Mr. Frank Bauer continued to serve as Sunday School Superintendent until the year of 1932 or 1933. He was then succeeded by Mr. Paul Lenhardt, who served as Superintendent until 1936.

Mr. Arthur Brubaker served as Superintendent of the Sunday School from 1937 until 1939 or 1940. After Mr. Brubaker's resignation, Mr. Herman Bockstruck was elected Superintendent and he has served the Sunday School until the present date of October 1, 1952.

During November, 1942, when a banquet was held for the ninetieth anniversary of the church, special honor was paid to fifteen Sunday School teachers or officers because all of them had taught or served the Sunday School for at least twenty-five years. Those honored were Misses Emma and Ella Lenhardt, Miss Frieda Netzhammer, Mrs. Lillie Roenicke, Miss Bernice Gibbs, Miss Lenora Koch, Mrs. H. J. Harms, Mrs. Ann Kramer, Mrs. Lou Loellke, Miss Lorena Bauer, Miss Alma Kramer, Mrs. Ben Wunderlich and Mrs. O. W. Heggemeier. To each of the above a gold cross was presented in behalf of the Church Consistory by H. J. Harms, president.

The Church School is now operating with nine departments or classes, with a total enrollment of 318, consisting of officers, teachers and pupils.

The young women's class meets once a month with Social and Business meeting at members' homes. They have no special project but they do contribute to all projects of the church.

The officers who served for the year of 1952 are as follows:

REVEREND O. W. HEGGEMEIER,  
*Pastor*

HERMAN F. BOCKSTRUCK,  
*Superintendent*

O. CARSON QUINN,  
*Assistant Superintendent*

VIOLA NEUHAUS, *Secretary*

MRS. HELEN GLOSS, *Treasurer*

BEN WUNDERLICH, *Librarian*  
(deceased)

MRS. LOU LOELLKE,  
*Recording Secretary*

## CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT

MRS. EDWARD HULL,  
*Superintendent*  
Enrollment 26

## BEGINNERS DEPARTMENT

MISS FANNIE ULLRICH,  
*Superintendent*

MRS. EDWARD HULL,  
*Assistant Superintendent*

MRS. CLARA STRASSER, *Secretary*

MRS. RUTH CHILDERS, *Musician*  
Enrollment 20

## KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT

MRS. ANN KRAMER,  
*Superintendent*

MRS. LOU LOELLKE, *Secretary*

MRS. RUTH PELOT, ETHEL  
SCHMIDT, NANCY SPELVER,

JANE ADAMS, MRS. MINNIE  
HARMS and DOROTHY Mc-

CONATHY, *Teachers*  
Enrollment 43

## PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

MRS. O. W. HEGGEMEIER,  
*Superintendent*

MILDRED WENZEL, *Secretary*

LENORA KOCH, MRS. ELIZABETH

HABEKOST, ELLA LENHARDT,

GRACE ROLLER, ALICE GIS-

SAL, VIOLA NEUHAUS, BAR-

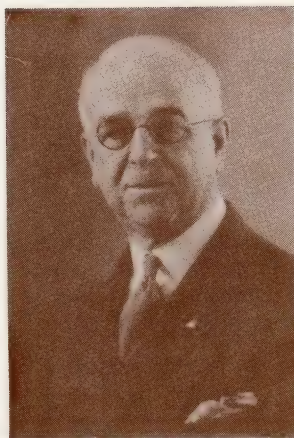
BARA BECKER and ELIZABETH

ELFGEN, *Teachers*

Enrollment 44

## YOUNG PEOPLES DEPARTMENT

HAROLD GWILLIM, *Teacher*  
Enrollment 26



FRANK BAUER (Deceased)  
First English S.S. Superintendent

## JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

MRS. FRIEDA NETZHAMMER,  
*Superintendent*

MRS. HELEN GLOSS, *Secretary*

MRS. LILLIE ROENICKE, MRS.

LOUISE RUSSEL, MRS. OLIVE

GWILLIM, MISS MARGARET

ZELTMAN, MISS LUCILLE WA-

GENFELT, MRS. WALTER

KOLKMEYER and ELIZABETH

DORMAN, *Teachers*

Enrollment 38

## INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

MRS. JAMES BAKER,  
*Superintendent and Teacher*

MRS. HERMAN BOCKSTRUCK,  
*Secretary*

MISS LORENA BAUER, MRS.

HAZEL BARTH, MISS JUANITA

ROSS, and MR. LANDERS,

*Teachers*

Enrollment 11

## YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS

The young women's class was organized during 1949, with Mrs. Mildred Heafner as first president. The present officers are as follows:

MRS. ENOS HEAD, *Teacher*

MRS. MARY SCHMIDT, *President*

MRS. RUTH SPELVER, *Secretary*

MRS. BERNICE OSTENDORF,  
*Treasurer*





PRESENT SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS



## MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

DR. H. G. BURDEN, *President*

WAYNE BAXTER, *Vice-President*

EDWARD BARTH, *Secretary-Treasurer*

ENOS HEAD, *Teacher*

MR. HENRY HARMS and VIRGIL OSTENDORF, *Assistant Teachers*

Enrollment 28

The earliest information available is that Mr. Otto Kramer was one of the first teachers. Followed Mr. Frank Lenhardt, Teacher, William Schmoeller, President, Phillip Hoffman, Treasurer, from 1924 to 1932. At this time Mr. Edward Zeiler began to teach, with William Schmoeller, President and Phillip Hoffman, Treasurer, from 1933 to 1940. Then Mr. Henry Harms was elected teacher in 1941 and Mr. William Schmoeller and Mr. Phillip Hoffman continued in the same official duties until their deaths. Mr. Harms continued to teach the class until 1947. At that time Mr. Enos Head was elected teacher and is still serving to date.

The present officers are Dr. H. G. Burden, President; Wayne Baxter, Vice-President; Edward Barth, Secretary-Treasurer; Henry Harms and V. Ostendorf, Sub Teachers; Class enrollment 28 members.

It is significant to note that the present Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Teacher of the Young Peoples Class and Leader of the Youth Fellowship Group: Mr. Herman Bockstruck, Mr. O. Carson Quinn, Mr. Harold Gwillim and Mr. James Baker, respectively, come from the ranks of the Men's Bible Class during the period 1940 to 1947.

## DORCAS BIBLE CLASS

The Dorcas Bible Class of the Evangelical and Reformed Church had its origin over forty years ago during the pastorate of the Reverend Ernst Mueller. There was no regular leader at that time as first one, then another had charge of the class.



During the 1920's Miss Reka McReynolds became teacher of the class and served in that capacity until she gave it up on account of the illness of her mother. Then Mrs. Frieda Brandhorst became teacher and served until Miss McReynolds could again assume that duty.

The class has always had as its aim the study of the Bible and has given a helping hand where help was needed. There has always been interest on the part of members and a good attendance. Our oldest member, Mrs. Minnie Ernst, was a charter member of the class and is still on the active list today, showing her interest by attending with unusual regularity. The average attendance each Sunday is about thirty.

Our present officers consist of the following:

MRS. WILLIAM BEISER.....*President*  
MRS. TILLIE PUTZE.....*Vice-President*  
MRS. LYDIA YOUNGBERG.....*Secretary*  
MISS ANN WERLER.....*Treasurer*

We are blessed with a staff of four teachers, teaching in rotation order:

MISS EMMA JOESTING  
MRS. NELL THOMAS  
MRS. BERTHA KENNEDY  
MRS. EMILIE ADAMS

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Youngberg and the assistant pastor (at that time) Al. Capesta, a group of young people between the ages of 13 and 20 formed an organization known as the Youth Fellowship.

This group still meets today on the first and third Sunday evening of every month. Devotional service is held each meeting night with some time devoted to a study of Christian Topics, followed with social activities.

The present officers are as follows:

ETHEL SCHMIDT.....*President*  
JANE ADAMS.....*Vice-President*  
JOYCE BAKER.....*Secretary*  
MERLYN BARTH.....*Treasurer*



CLASS OF OLD PAROCHIAL SCHOOL



## BEREANS

The Bereans are a group of young members of our congregation who, under the guidance and leadership of Mrs. Chesley Kennedy, organized in 1947. This group of young members elected as their first president, Mr. Robert Lenhardt. The second year Mr. Wayne Baxter was elected president, the third year, Mr. Norbert Kuhn and this year, Virgil Ostendorf.

Each year for the past three years they have sponsored the Vesper Service, which has proved to be one of the highlights of the church calendar. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month with a family pot-luck dinner and social hour. In the summer they attend the ball games and visit the Municipal Opera. All young members of the church are eligible to belong and the group extends a hearty welcome to all to join.



## THE CONSISTORY

**T**HE CONSISTORY is a body elected by the congregation to carry on the duties of the church and the wishes of the congregation as voted at their annual meetings. Before the merger to what is now the Evangelical & Reformed Church this body was called the church council. The Consistory as provided for in the constitution and by-laws consists of fourteen members, six deacons, three trustees and four elders and the minister. The present consistory members are as follows:

MINISTER: O. W. HEGGEMEIER

### ELDERS

HERMAN BOCKSTRUCK, *Chairman*  
CARL G. HERZBERGER  
ENOS W. HEAD  
O. CARSON QUINN

### TRUSTEES

WAYNE BAXTER  
WALTER KOLKMEYER  
JUSTUS OSTENDORF

### DEACONS

MRS. HENRY HARMS  
MRS. ED. BRAUTIGAN  
JAMES BAKER

NORBERT KUHN  
H. G. BURDEN  
ARTHUR LONG

The Consistory was first organized in 1937, after the annual meeting of the congregation voted to replace the Church Council with a new board known as the consistory. It was at this meeting of the congregation that two women members of the church were elected to the church consistory as deacons. Those being honored were Miss Frieda Netzhamer and Miss Ann Werler.

## BE GOOD TO US

*O God, be good to all the world . . . In which we live today . . . Forgive us for our foolishness . . . And help us find the way . . . Let not the fury of Your wrath . . . Envelope us with fear . . . However selfish we may be . . . Or false and insincere . . . But please consider this our plight . . . Whatever time or place . . . That we are always weak and frail . . . Without Your guiding grace . . . We may grow lax and we may seem . . . To be indifferent, too . . . But deep within the heart, O God . . . We do remember You . . . We do believe in You with all . . . The fervor of the soul . . . And with Your help we hope to reach . . . Our everlasting goal.*



## "GIVE US THIS DAY"

All over this great land of ours a Back-To-God movement is happily gaining tremendous momentum. More than ever before people are earnestly lifting their voices in prayer, seeking divine guidance with which to solve the many difficult and complex present day problems which multiply and increase as the communists try to exploit and promote their insidious plans for world domination.

This spiritual resurgence inspires confidence in the future for, as a great religious leader has said, "What the world needs today is not religious unity so much as the unity of religious people."

### IN APPRECIATION

We wish to acknowledge and pay tribute at this time to all those who have so generously, and graciously contributed material, photographs, and other data so necessary to the successful publishing of a history booklet of this kind. The following persons, along with any others that may have been overlooked, have the undying gratitude of the committee.

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MISS LENA GUELLE  
MRS. FRANK BAUER  
MR. WALTER KOLKMEYER  
MISS EMMA JOESTING  
MRS. RUTH WELD

MISS FLORA SONNTAG  
MRS. EMMA BAUER  
MRS. O. W. HEGGEMEIER  
MRS. WILLIAM GISSAL  
MRS. HENRY HARMS  
MISS ANN WERLER

The committee of elders. Enos Head, Herman F. Bockstruck, O. Carson Quinn and C. G. Herzberger, who planned this 100th Anniversary booklet, are indeed grateful for the fine cooperation of all those who have supplied material. We wish to thank O. Carson Quinn, who gave so liberally of his time in tracing down old church records and photos for the compilation of this memento. Having performed this task to the best of our ability we hope it pleases you.

C. G. Herzberger  
*Committee Chairman*



# » Programm «

zur Feier des fünfzigjährigen Jubiläums  
... der ...

Deutschen Evangelischen Gemeinde  
in Alton, III.,

Sonntag, den 12. Oktober 1902.

Vormittagsgottesdienst, 10 Uhr.

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## MEMENTOES OF BYGONE OCCASIONS



# *Centennial Program*

**1852 = 1952**

**Sunday, October 5, 1952**

**O. W. Heggemeier, D. D., Pastor**

**Mrs. Clarice Ferguson, Organist**

**Earl Duffey, Choir Director**

Prelude

Doxology

Prayer

Response, Choir

Hymn . . . . . 214

Scripture Lesson

Choir Anthem

Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri

Hymn . . . . . 338

Announcements

Offertory

Hymn . . . . . 332

Silent Prayer

Sermon. . . . . O.W. Heggemeier, D.D.

Prayer and Benediction

Quiet Music, Silent Prayer



# Centennial Program

1852 = 1952

Sunday, October 12, 1952

O. W. Heggemeier, D. D., Pastor

Mrs. Clarice Ferguson, Organist

Earl Duffey, Choir Director

Prelude

Doxology

Prayer

Response, Choir

Hymn . . . . . 314

Scripture Lesson

Choir Anthem

Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri

Hymn . . . . . 384

Announcements

Offertory

Hymn . . . . . 380

Silent Prayer

Sermon . . . . . Rev. Martin P. Schroedel  
Pinckneyville, Illinois  
President of So. Ill. Synod

Prayer and Benediction

Quiet Music, Silent Prayer

*Slavinton*

# *Centennial Program*

*1852 = 1952*

Sunday, October 19, 1952

O. W. Heggemeier, D. D., Pastor

Mrs. Clarice Ferguson, Organist

Earl Duffey, Choir Director

Prelude

Doxology

Prayer

Response, Choir

Hymn . . . . . 314

Scripture Lesson

Choir Anthem

Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri

Hymn . . . . . 384

Announcements

Offertory

Hymn . . . . . 329

Silent Prayer

Sermon . . . . . Rev. Robert Young  
Salem Evangelical Church, St. Louis

Prayer and Benediction

Quiet Music, Silent Prayer



# Centennial Program

1852 - 1952

Sunday, October 26, 1952

O. W. Heggemeier, D. D., Pastor

Mrs. Clarice Ferguson, Organist

Earl Duffey, Choir Director

Prelude

Doxology

Prayer

Response, Choir

Hymn . . . . . 329

Scripture Lesson

Choir Anthem

Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri

Hymn . . . . . 327

Announcements

Offertory

Hymn . . . . . 323

Silent Prayer

Sermon . . . . . O. Walter Wagner D. D.  
Executive Director of Metropolitan  
Church Federation of St. Louis

Prayer and Benediction

Quiet Music, Silent Prayer

## IN MEMORIAM

We humbly pay tribute at this time to all those faithful and loyal members who have passed from our midst, ever mindful of the fact that through their faith and foresight in the establishment and continuance of this, our place of worship, they have forever enshrined themselves in the hearts of our congregation as pioneers of religious worship and education in this, our beautiful city. It is our earnest prayer that this day they may be enjoying the peace and understanding that comes from the knowledge of a job well done.

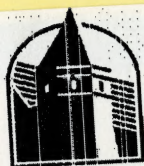


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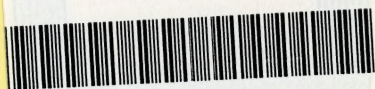
REV. C. E. ZOBEL	Feb. 1, 1850—1851
C. A. DETHARDING	Feb. 1, 1851—1853 (Died)
J. P. STIBOLT	Jan. 30, 1853-1854 (Resigned)
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ERNST GUNTRUM	Aug. 1, 1862-Apr. 1865 (Re-
PAULOS R. LORENTZEN	May 1865-July 1868 sign-
EDWARD VOHS	1868-1870 ed
KARL TUEMMER	1870-1875
BERNARD STARCKE	May 1, 1875-1876
DR. KARL SCHRAMM	June 1876-Sept, 1877
W. WILKEN	Jan. 1878-July, 1881
CARL BECKER	July 1881-1883
J. GRAESSLE	1883-1884
R. G. V. ZOBEL	May 1887-1890
CARL KRAMER	Sept. 1890-1895
WM. HACKMAN	Sept. 1895-Dec., 1899
THEO. OBERHELDMANN	Jan. 1900-Dec., 1906
E. L. MUELLER*	Jan. 1907-Sept., 1916
O. W. HEGGEMEIER	Dec. 1916 —

*\*Rev. E. L. Mueller is the only living pastor and now lives in St. Louis County, Mo.*





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